

$$\frac{L^2}{\tau} \stackrel{?}{=} D = \frac{kT}{\eta a 6\pi}$$

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Random Walkers:

2 Rules:

1. Each walker steps R or L at each time interval,  $\tau$ .

• Step size is fixed by the particle's velocity,  $v$ :

$$\delta = v\tau$$

2. Probability that a walker goes R is  $1/2$

" L is  $1/2$ .

3. Particles don't interact or collide.

Now, we'll look at an ensemble of  $N$  walkers:

Let  $x_i(n)$  be the  $i$ 'th particle's position after  $n$  steps.

By our rules, we can write down  $i$ 's position as a function of position at  $n-1$  step:

$$x_i(n) = x_i(n-1) \pm \delta$$

Considering the ensemble, we can calculate the mean displacement after  $n$  steps:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x(n) \rangle &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [x_i(n-1) \pm \delta] \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i(n-1) = \langle x(n-1) \rangle \end{aligned}$$

The mean position doesn't change.

In truth, though, we expect the paths to disperse.

Here, we'll average the square displacements. (Always  $> 0$ ).

$$x_i(n)^2 = x_i(n-1)^2 \pm 2\delta x_i(n-1) + \delta^2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x^2(n) \rangle &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2(n) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N [x_i^2(n-1) \pm 2\delta x_i(n-1) + \delta^2] \\ &= \langle x^2(n-1) \rangle + \delta^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\langle x^2(0) \rangle = 0, \quad \langle x^2(1) \rangle = \delta^2, \quad \langle x^2(2) \rangle = 2\delta^2$$

$$\dots \langle x^2(n) \rangle = n\delta^2$$

$n$  steps corresponds to time  $t = n\tau$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{t}{\tau} \quad \stackrel{\circ}{=} \frac{L^2}{\tau}$$

$$\langle x^2(t) \rangle = \frac{t}{\tau} \delta^2 = \left( \frac{\delta^2}{\tau} \right) t.$$

$$\text{In fact, } D = \frac{\delta^2}{2\tau} \Rightarrow \langle x^2(t) \rangle = 2Dt.$$

In 2-D: same applies to "y-axis".

$$\Rightarrow \langle x^2(t) \rangle = 2Dt \quad \& \quad \langle y^2(t) \rangle = 2Dt$$

$$\langle r^2(t) \rangle = \langle x^2(t) + y^2(t) \rangle = \langle x^2(t) \rangle + \langle y^2(t) \rangle = 4Dt.$$